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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 and add claims 21-24. A complete listing ands status of the claims follows.

1. (Previously presented) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:

determining whether a call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature;

completing the call if such call is from a public number and the called party has the caller ID feature; and

when the calling party is a private number or if the called party does not subscribe to caller ID,

issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such designated digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone.

2. (Previously presented) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:

determining whether a call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature;

if such call is from a public number and the called party has the caller ID feature, completing the call, and if not,

issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is

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dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone.

3. (Previously presented) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:

determining whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

if such call is determined to be from a private telephone number, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such designated digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if not, issuing the announcement to the calling party and if such designated digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if the announcement is issued and any other digit is dialed, preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, and if such called party has a caller ID feature, ringing the called party's telephone and delivering to the called party the calling party's public telephone number ID.

4. (Original) A method for screening telemarketing calls to jurisdictions where such calls may be made from only public telephone numbers, comprising:

if a called party subscribes to and has activated a telemarketing-do-not-disturb feature, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is not a telemarketing call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, completing the call

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whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if not, issuing the announcement to the calling party and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is from a public number, and if such called party has a caller ID feature, ringing the called party's telephone and delivering to the called party the calling party's public telephone number ID.

5. (Original) A method for screening a solicitation telephone call on a telephone network, comprising:

determining if a jurisdiction of a called party requires solicitor's telephone calls to be identifiable by the called party;

determining if a calling party is using a public telephone number if said jurisdiction requires solicitor's telephone calls to be identifiable;

determining if said called party has a caller ID feature if said called party is using a public telephone number; and

completing said call where either

(a) said jurisdiction requires solicitor's telephone calls to be identifiable, said called party is using a public telephone number and said called party has a caller ID feature; or

(b) said calling party provides an override digit in response to an announcement provided by said telephone network that identifies said calling party as a solicitor on said caller ID feature of said called party.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising delivering an identifier for said calling party to said caller ID feature when said call is completed.

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7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising issuing a busy tone from said network to said calling when said calling party enters any other another digit other than the override digit in response to the announcement.

8. (Original) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:
determining whether the jurisdiction where such call is made to may be made from only a public telephone number;

if it is determined that the potentially unwanted call may be made from only a public telephone number, determining whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

if such call is determined to be from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if so, completing the call, whereas if the calling part is a private number or if the called party does not subscribe to caller ID, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone.

9. (Original) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:
determining whether the jurisdiction where such call is made to may be made from only a public telephone number;

if it is determined that the potentially unwanted call may be made from only a public telephone number, determining whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

If such call is determined to be from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if so, completing the call, and if not, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call

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is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone.

10. (Currently amended) A method for screening a potentially unwanted call, comprising:

determining whether the jurisdiction to where such call is made may be made from only a public telephone number;

if it is determined that the potentially unwanted call may be made from only a public telephone number, determining whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

if such call is determined to be from a private telephone number, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller [fill]ID feature, and if not, issuing the announcement to the calling party and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if the announcement is issued and any other digit is dialed, preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, and if such called party has a caller ID feature, ringing the called party's telephone and delivering to the called party the calling party's public telephone number ID.

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11. (Previously presented) A method for screening telemarketing calls to jurisdictions where such calls may be made from only public telephone numbers, comprising:

determining whether a call to such jurisdiction is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

if such call is determined to be from a private telephone number, determining whether the called party subscribes to and has activated a telemarketing-do-not-disturb feature, and if so,

issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is not a telemarketing call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone;

if such call is determined to be from a public number, determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if not, issuing the announcement to the calling party and if such digit is dialed, completing the call whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, and if such called party has a caller ID feature, ringing the called party's telephone and delivering to the called party the calling party's public telephone number ID.

12. (Previously presented) A computer program product for screening a potentially unwanted call comprising usable medium having readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer program product includes at least one component to:

determine whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

determine whether the called party has a caller ID feature;

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complete the call if such call is from a public number and the called party has the caller ID feature; and

issue an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a potentially unwanted call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such designated digit is dialed, complete the call, whereas if any other digit is dialed prevent ringing of the called party's telephone.

13. (Previously presented) A computer program product for screening telemarketing calls to jurisdictions, comprising usable medium having readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer program product includes at least one component to:

determine whether a call to such jurisdiction is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number;

if such call is determined to be from a private telephone number, determine whether the called party subscribes to and has activated a telemarketing-do-not-disturb feature, and if so,

issue an announcement to the calling party stating that if the call is a not a telemarketing call, the calling party must enter a designated digit in order to complete the call and if such digit is dialed, complete the call whereas if any other digit is dialed prevent ringing of the called party's telephone; and

if such call is determined to be from a public number, determine whether the called party has a caller ID feature, and if not, issue the announcement to the calling party and if such digit is dialed, complete the call whereas if any other digit is dialed, prevent ringing of the called party's telephone; and

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if such call is determined to be from a public number, and if such called party has a caller ID feature, ring the called party's telephone and deliver to the called party the calling party's public telephone number ID.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising determining whether the potentially unwanted call is made from only a public telephone number.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising determining whether the call must be made from only public numbers on a per call basis.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the at least one component to determine whether said call is from a public telephone number or from a private telephone number and to determine whether the called party has a caller ID feature is included within a central office.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the determining jurisdiction step is determined on a per call basis.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the determining jurisdiction step is determined on a per call basis.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the preventing ringing step includes generating a busy signal to the calling party.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the determining jurisdiction step is determined on a per call basis.

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21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising checking whether the called party is busy prior to the determining whether the called party has a caller ID feature step and avoiding issuing the announcement if busy.

22. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of determining at a central office on a per-call basis whether the call is required to be from a public number according to a governmental jurisdiction requirement.

23. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of determining at a terminating central office on a per-call basis whether the call is required to be from a public number according to a governmental jurisdiction requirement.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising when the calling party is a public number and the called party does not subscribe to caller ID, issuing an announcement to the calling party stating that the calling party must enter the designated digit in order to complete the call and if the designated digit is dialed, completing the call and delivering identification of the calling party whereas if any other digit is dialed preventing ringing of the called party's telephone.